Wrongly reporting of Proceedings by the Press

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA.—Yesterday, I happened to speak on the Privilege motion given notice of my Leader. A word has been wrongly reported in the press. The Press has reported that I have uttered the words "Shut Up" against the hon. Member Sri Vatal Nagaraj. I may inform you Sir that I have never uttered those words against my friend Sri Vatal Nagaraj. By reporthing such a word, it has created a sort of a confusion between myself and Sri Vatal Nagaraj as also against my party to which I belong. I therefore seek the protection of the Chair in this behalf.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—If the Press has wrongly reported, that cannot be construed as a matter of privilege. What is reported in the press cannot be taken cognisance of, but what is noted down by our Reporters is more important than what is reported in the Press. Now I see Sri Nagaraj and Sri Siddappa smiling and therefore there is no privilege as such. I will see that harmony between them is maintained.

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA.—Even if Sri Vatal Nagaraj were to keep quiet, but his friends are instigating him to create trouble. I request you kindly to see that the Press correctly reports the matter.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—No one can misguide Sri Nagaraj.

Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance

re : Incidents at Pollibetta in June 1972

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri A. M. Belliappa to call the attention of the Chief Minister.

Sri A. M. BELLIAPPA.—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to the incident that took place at Pollibetta, Mercara Constituency on 22nd June 1972.

Sri D. DEVERAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I state as follows :

It is reported that on the night of 22nd June 1972, between 8-30P.M. and 9-00 P.M., a group of 30 to 40 people came to Polibetta in vans and jeeps. This miscreants were armed with sticks and a number of them had masked their faces. They attacked and looted shops and hotels and also attempted to set fire to a few houses. Eighteen persons belonging to both the communities sustained injuries. Two of the injured persons-one of each community-were admitted to hospital in a serious condition. One of them aged 60 years succumbed to the injuries at the Civil Hospital, Mercara, at about 3-20 P.M. on 23rd June 1972 and the other injured person also succumbed to the injuries on 27th